

William Cocks, October 21, 1755, Company of Rangers List, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

CAPTAIN COCKS' JOURNAL.¹

1755 JOURNAL Sepr 8 March'd from Winchester to Lemon's Plantation 9 To the Timber Ridge by Mc. Coy's 10 To the north River 11 To Piercehalls on South branch 12th. Lay there (Creek 13 marchd. to Hedges Pattersons 14 Rested – 15 march 6 mile towards Casies 16 Joyned the rest of our Rangrs at Casies 17 Scouted to weltons on—Loonies Creek 27 mile 18 Rested 19 Scouted from Loonies creek to the middle branch of Pattersons Creek 20 mile 20 Ditto To the head of new: creek & in our way Discover'd two outlying men one of which was taken They had shot a mair that Morning 23 miles 21 Scouted under aleguinea Mountain along the heads of Pattersons Creek waters till we came to the waters of Loonies Creek & so went down that night to weltons 26 miles 22 23 Rested at Weltons 24 Scouted to William's on Pattersons Creek 20 miles 25 Rested 26 A party went to parkers for Tents Arms & ammunition 27 Returnd back— 28 Work at our Fort 29 30. A party went out on Scout & the rest workt at the Fort 1755 JOURNAL Octr 1 Continued working — 2 Recd. an Express that the Indians had killd four Families on the Creek—went Immediately down to Hedges in order to Joyn Capt Ashbys company but they had went off before we got there—which caused us to march Instantly back to our Fort 16 miles 3 Scouted up the middle branch of Pattersons Creek to—Aleguinea mountain & lay on the warrior Road 21 mile 4 Scouted along the war Road to the head waters of Loonies creek & so from Augusta Line down to Weltons 28 miles 5 Scouted up Loonies creek and down the South fork of Pattersons creek to Fort 20 miles Fairfax and Recd. an Express that the french & Indians had killd Several Families and Besieged Coll Crissops Fort² 6 T [obliterated] went to the South Branch to hear the Certenty of the news & the men Rested 7th. Gaurded 3 families from the Creek to Col. Vaumeters Octr 8 A party of our men went back to the Creek for Arms that we had left Guarded the Inhabitants on the South Branch 7 Days 16 Went out & made a Scout under the Mountain and were

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joynd by our Lieutent & nine men 17 Rested 18 19 The Lieutenant & a party of Men went out upon Scout 20 Returned having went 35 miles by Computation of our Pilot

1 Thomas Cocke was commissioned Captain, December 13, 1754. He appears to have been intimate with the family of George William Fairfax.—BROCK.

2 A fort upon Colonel Thomas Cresop's farm, "Shipton," a few miles above the north and south branches of the Potomac.